

MT YOUTH IN TRANSITION CONFERENCE

MYT
2013

WHAT: 6th annual MT Youth in Transition Conference

WHEN: November 6-8, 2013

WHERE: Billings Hotel and Convention Center

(1-406-248-7151)

"I learned so much from the transition conference and met some great and inspirational people!"

~ Allison, student and 2012 MYT participant

"This conference gave me hope for my daughter's future and it was good to meet people who had transitioned well and other parents with the same concerns. The break out sessions were awesome!"

~ Cyndi, parent and 2012 MYT participant

What to Expect...

MYT is an opportunity for students, parents, teachers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, case managers and others to network, explore resources, and discover pathways to meaningful futures!

During the conference, there will be a **Real Life Fair** with vendors representing education, independent living, recreation, employment, and other supportive services.

Presenters will include well known keynotes as well as **Montanans** who have themselves gone through the transition process and can offer insight, guidance and support.

A **youth track** will also be provided to start youth on their own individualized transition journey.

For details and registration information:

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KEYNOTE PRESENTERS



Introduced to millions as "Cousin Geri", Geri Jewell has risen to become a leading force in disabilities advocacy. Geri started her acting career as the personal choice of famed producer Norman Lear for her role as Cousin Geri on the ground-breaking NBC sitcom, "The Facts of Life". With this role she became the first person with a visible disability to become a regular performer on a national, prime-time television show. During her run on the show she broke barriers by addressing issues of disability awareness.

Geri is not only an exceptional actress and comedienne, she is internationally recognized as a powerful and motivational speaker and trainer. She is famous for her uncanny ability to captivate the hearts of audiences by using humor to facilitate attitude changes. Geri brings to her presentations personal experience of having her behavior and actions misunderstood because of her cerebral palsy. By sharing her disability as her greatest blessing, and revealing insights about the world as she sees it, Geri turns the focus from disabilities to a true celebration of ability, resulting in an inspiring, empowering and healing experience.

Geri continues to entertain many with her acting. She was personally selected to be part of the Emmy winning HBO series, "Deadwood" where she became qualified to be nominated for an individual Emmy for her portrayal of "Jewell". She is also a re-occurring character on, "Young and the Restless" and was recently featured on "Strong Medicine". If holding three roles at one time wasn't enough, Geri just made her film debut in an independent feature that was recently shown at the Tribeca and Fort Lauderdale Film Festivals.

The next chapter of Geri's life is perhaps one of the most exciting. In April of 2011, she released her autobiography, "I'm Walking As Straight As I Can: Transcending Disability in Hollywood and Beyond". Not only does she write about her journey as a person with a disability but for the first time discusses her struggles with her sexual identity over the years. It is a wonderfully open and frank look at both aspects of her life.

Jonathan Mooney is a dyslexic writer and activist who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old. He is a graduate of Brown University's class of 2000 and holds an honors degree in English Literature. Jonathan is founder and President of Project Eye-To-Eye, a mentoring and advocacy non-profit organization for students with learning differences. Project Eye-To-Eye currently has 20 chapters, in 13 states working with over 3,000 students, parents and educators nation wide.



A winner of the prestigious Truman Scholarship for graduate studies in disability studies and social change, Jonathan was also a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. With the publication of *Learning Outside The Lines* (now in its 14th printing) when he was 23, Jonathan has established himself as one of the foremost leaders in LDIADHD, disabilities, and alternative education. His second book, *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal*, is a memoir, published by Henry Holt in June, 2007. Lauded as "a heartfelt rebuke to the rigid definitions of normality," by Kirkus Review, the book is Jonathan's journey across the United States, in a converted short school bus, as he seeks to celebrate cognitive and physical diversity through profiles of people who have been labeled abnormal their entire lives.

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Are you registering as: Individual
With a group
Please list group name:

Note: For a group registration, list the group contact below, and complete page three of the registration form with the names of the other group members.

Cost: Individual: **\$75**

Group rate: **\$60** per person (for groups of more than 3 individuals who register together)

One day attendance: **\$30** per day

Groups of 10 or more youth: **\$15** per youth per day (Please contact June at 442-2576 or mylfjune@bresnan.net for special circumstances or funding issues).

Contact Information (for individual registration or group contact)

First Name: Last Name:

Company/Organization (if applicable):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone: Fax: Email:

Indicate your primary role: (please check one)

Teacher

Parent/Family Member

Youth

Service Provider

Other:

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Accommodations

If you require an alternative format not addressed below, please contact June Hermanson at **Phone: 406-442-2576** or **Email: mylfjune@bresnan.net**. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate you if your request is received by October 1, 2013.

Alternate Format Request

Sign Language Interpreter
Large Print

Compact Disc (CD)
Other:

Braille

Registration Information

Method of Payment: Registration payments may be made out to *MYTransitions*

Personal Check

Check Number:

Purchase Order

PO Number:

Number of registrants:

Total due/paid:

Please print this form and mail to: MYTransitions, 1617 Euclid Ave, Helena, MT 59601 or Email as an attachment to June Hermanson at mylfjune@bresnan.net.

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Group Registration Information: Please list all the names of the group members
(these are *in addition* to the primary contact person listed on page 1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u> (student, parent, teacher, para, etc.)	<u>Alt. Format</u> (please list)
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Please indicate what dates you will be attending the conference:

_____ **Entire length of the conference** (November 6-8, 2013)
_____ Wednesday, November 6, 2013
_____ Thursday, November 7, 2013
_____ Friday, November 8, 2013

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PRESENTER ABSTRACT

Presentations will generally be one hour in length, but a limited number will be 90 minute sessions. You may also request an additional session by submitting an abstract outlining Part I and Part II of your presentation.

The 2013 Youth in Transition Conference is an opportunity for youth with disabilities, their families and professionals to gain more understanding of the wide array of opportunities and services available to them in Montana. This venue consists of a Real Life Fair, which will allow participants the opportunity to meet with and discover services and resources that will strengthen their plans for transition from high school, as well as learning sessions/workshops presenting available services and community networks.

We are looking for Real Life Fair vendors *AND* workshop presenters to represent one or more of the following training areas:

Education/training

Independent living

Recreation

Employment

Community service

Financial aid

Advocacy (for youth AND families)

Food/clothing

Please complete the following abstract by **August 31, 2013** and mail or email it to:

MT Youth Transitions

1617 Euclid Avenue

Helena, MT 59601

mytmary@bresnan.net

For questions or for more information, please feel free to contact June Hermanson at Ph. 406-442-2576.

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Please mark the type of presentation you would be interested in providing:

_____ *Real Life Fair Vendor (please also complete a vendor application)*

_____ *Workshop Presentation*

_____ *Both*

There are both a youth track and an adult track during the course of this conference. Please note which track you would interested in presenting to, or mark both if applicable.

More applicable to: **YOUTH** **ADULTS** **BOTH**

Title of Presentation:

Name of Primary Contact for Presentation:

Name of agency, business or service provider:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email Address:

Please summarize your presentation in a few sentences. If you are interested in presenting to youth, please include how you will engage the youth (activities, etc.). Also indicate which of the training areas listed on page one your presentation would address:

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Please list names of all presenters in addition to the primary contact:

Do you have any equipment requests or special room arrangements necessary for your presentation?

Any additional information:

Thank you!

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